



Shout for joy, you heavens;  
 rejoice, you earth;  
 burst into song,  
 you mountains!  
 For the Lord  
 comforts his people  
 and will have  
 compassion on his afflicted ones.  
*Isaiah 49:13*

The Original Congregational Church  
 United Church of Christ  
 Sunday, November 17th, 2024, 10:00am  
 Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Holy Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome to the OCC!  
 Thank You for a Wonderful Holiday Fair!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE                      **“Raise the Joyous Song!”**                      *Gerald Peterson*

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.*

\*HYMN No. 80 ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: God of Grace, you have made us and know us deeply. We confess that we forget your ways and we wander down paths of our own choosing. Forgive us our unbelief. Show us the signs that lead us home to your steadfast faithfulness. May our souls rest secure in your tender love and care for all Creation. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

\*All those who are able, please stand.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Receive the assurances of our faith.

In a world filled with signs of dismay, we take our direction in the ways of the Lord. Through the power of Christ's love, we remember that the power of death no more is in control of us, and our covenant bond with the Creator of all life compels us to live compassionately with all.

**People: Praise be to the Lord of New Life. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 103*

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

**People: The Lord is slow to anger.**

Leader: The Lord is abounding in steadfast love.

**People: As parents have compassion for their children,**

Leader: The Lord has compassion for the people.

**People: For the Lord knows how we are made.**

Leader: And the Lord's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

\*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Words: 3rd Century; Music: 1851

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*We welcome Colton & Callie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT & BLESSING *unison*

*All may rise to offer a blessing for the newly baptized.*

**Holy God, we thank you for the gift of baptism and the joy of new life. We promise our love, support, and blessing for the newly baptized. Grant to Colton and Callie, strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN No. 306 ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise***

*Please remain seated during the singing of the baptismal hymn.*

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:8-13 "The Lord Will Have Compassion"

ANTHEM "Steal Away to Jesus" *African-American spiritual*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8 "Jesus and the Signs of the Times"

SERMON "Just the Beginning"

\*HYMN No. 237 ***How Firm a Foundation***

PRAYER NOTICES *are shared*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

**People: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Leader: With joy we present our offering to the Lord.

**People: We share in strengthening our ministry together.**

OFFERTORY "Freedom is Coming" *South African*

\*DOXOLOGY No. 44

Words: 1674; Music: 1551

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Merciful God, receive these our gifts.

**People: May our offering be a blessing to you.**

Leader: Show us the way to live by grace.

**People: Bless our church to grow in your love. Amen.**

\*SENDING & COMMISSIONING

*We rejoice in the mission to share our faith and grow the church of Christ!*

Leader: Throughout the ages, O Lord, you have been our rock.

**People: Let our souls cling to the security of your Spirit.**

Leader: Send us out to proclaim your good news to all we meet.

**People: May our ministry reach all in need of your great love.**

\*HYMN No. 431 *Rock of Ages*

\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE “Sonata for Full Organ and Flutes” *Baldassare Galuppi*



***Welcome to the OCC!***

Thank you for being in worship today!  
Join us for refreshments following the service.  
May God watch over you and give you peace!

# *Life of the Church*

**SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS** are located on the worship table.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Please gather with us for a special memorial service in celebration for the life of our dear Wayne "Mack" McCormack (82) here at the OCC on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11:00am. A full notice and tributes are available through R.J. Ross Funeral Home, Wrentham, MA.

**WE WELCOME FOR BAPTISM TODAY** the family and loved ones of Colton and Callie Morander, son and daughter of Christine and Kyle Morander, and Godparents Jeffrey Calligan and Samantha Calligan. Welcome to the OCC!

**Lynnete Beaudro**, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

**Mary Williams**, for healing and recovery.

**Judy McCormack and Loved Ones**, for peace and comfort on the recent passing of Mack.

**Tina Upham**, for encouragement with healing.

**Joseph Botaish, II**, for love and support during a time of illness.

*Today's Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGIST: **Hans Pope**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Kim Kelly, Trevor Knott, Jean Roche & Gordon Wetmore**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Trevor Knott & Bob Boissy**

### **CALENDER:**

Wednesday, November 20th	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch
	5:00pm	Food, Fun & Friends BINGO
Thursday, November 21st	6:00pm	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 24th	10:00am	Bells Perform
		Worship Service
	11:00am	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour



## 2024 Thanksgiving Ingathering

LARGE BOX HAS BEEN PLACED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR ANY DONATED  
ADULT AND CHILD WINTERWARE

Displaced migrant families are attempting to adjust to temporary housing locally in neighboring Plainville. Although basic meals and housing are being addressed, the reasons for leaving their homeland are complex; extreme poverty, threats from gang violence, war, persecution and environmental devastation. Family members are seeking employment when authorized and the children are entering the local school system. These are tremendous goals to achieve while facing the challenge of acclimating to a new environment and a strange culture.

In an effort to provide comfort and compassion, use the canvas bag to collect:

**Adults: Soaps, Chap sticks, journals, dictionaries, feminine hygiene products, toiletry products, winter hats, gloves and scarves, first aid kits**

**Children: books, mittens, baby supplies, winter hats, juice boxes, small toys**

*All bags should be returned to the church Ingathering Sunday, November 24th*

## THE RETURN OF THE NAME TAG BASKET

Back by popular demand, the Fellowship Hall Name Tag Basket will once again be located on the table by the rear door to the hall. Now after socializing after Sunday service, you can pop your name tag in the basket as you exit the rear door. (No more traipsing back to the name tag board by the office.) Come Sunday, your name tag will appear back in the name tag board. Magic!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/20 5:00pm - Food, Fun & Friendsgiving with BINGO  
12/1 4:30pm - Cocoa & Caroling at OCC followed by Wrentham Tree Lighting  
12/7 8:00am - Yard Sale in Vestry  
12/7 10:00am - Wreath Decorating Workshop with Sohoanno Club  
12/8 4:00pm - Christmas Concert & Potluck  
12/11 1:30pm - Book Club  
12/13 4:00pm - Christmas Kid's Craft & Movie Night  
12/24 5:00pm - Christmas Pageant  
12/31 5-9:00pm - New Year's Eve Family Dinner & Countdown\*

*\*Please save your bubble wrap and drop it at the church anytime before then to be used during this event.*





**The Original Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ, Wrentham, MA  
Open and Affirming Covenant  
Adopted on June 5, 2022**



Welcome to The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham! Because we believe all people are created in God's image and thus blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is the unifying and strengthening force of our Christian faith, we the members of The Original Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus. We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers. We welcome new visitors and old friends. We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children. We welcome single and partnered people. We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Here at The Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, we believe that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**



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